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SUBJ: SOME COREMO PERSONNEL STILL DETAINED IN ZAMBIA

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1. COREMO'S DEPUTY INFORMATION SECRETARY, FANUEL MAHLUZA, CAME TO EMBASSY JULY 12 TO INFORM US GRZ STILL DETAINING FOUR MEMBERS OF COREMO EXECUTIVE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION. DETAINEES BEING HELD AT LUSAKA CENTRAL POLICE STATION, LUSAKA REMAND PRISON, AND OTHER UNKNOWN LOCATIONS, MAHLUZA SAID COREMO PRESIDENT PAUL GUMANE HAS WRITTEN TO FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS AND UNITED NATIONS SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING RELEASE COREMO PERSONNEL. SAID GUMANE ASKED HIM ADVISE EMBASSY CURRENT SITUATION. MAHLUZA DID NOT REPEAT NOT ASK EMBASSY INTERCEDE WITH GRZ.

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2. MAHLUZA, WHO WAS AMONG COREMO OFFICIALS DETAINED AT

LIBERATION CENTER JUNE 13 BY SPECIAL BRANCH, SAID GROUP
TAKEN TO DETENTION CENTER NEAR CHONGWE, 35 MILES EAST OF
LUSAKA. AFTER SOME DAYS HE AND ONE OTHER DETAINEE MANAGED
ESCAPE FROM SITE AND REACHED LUSAKA. FELLOW ESCAPEE AND
ANOTHER MEMBER COREMO EXECUTIVE, NGOMA (REF A), SUBSEQUENTLY
CROSSED BORDER TO JOIN GUMANE IN MALAWI. MAHLUZA REDETAINED
JULY 2 BUT CLAIMED HE ESCAPED AGAIN SAME DAY AND AUTHORITIES
HAVE SINCE NOT MOLESTED HIM. SAID GUMANE HAD INSTRUCTED HIM
OVER TELEPHONE TO REMAIN IN LUSAKA AND TRY OBTAIN RELEASE OTHER
DETAINEES. MAHLUZA USING INTERMEDIARIES FOR CONTACTS WITH GRZ.
IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT IT UNDERSTOOD JORGE JARDIM IN LUSAKA,
MAHLUZA SAID HE UNAWARE JARDIM PRESENCE.

3. MAHLUZA FURNISHED MORE DETAILS RE ZAMBIAN ARMY RAID JUNE 6
ON TWO COREMO CAMPS NEAR MOZAMBIKAN BORDER. BELIEVES GRZ
HOPED TO PICK UP GUMANE IN RAIDS. NOT FINDING GUMANE AT
MSIMA CAMP, LOCATED INSIDE ZAMBIA ABOUT 3 KILOMETERS FROM
FRONTIER, ARMY CROSSED INTO MOZAMBIQUE AND PROCEEDED 30
KILOMETERS TO KAMBOE CAMP, LOCATED BETWEEN INHAMAMBA AND
RUTA IN NORTHWEST CORNER OF TETE PROVINCE. ARMY DETAINED
ALL COREMO PERSONNEL PRESENT AND SEIZED ARMS CACHE, WHICH
MAHLUZA ALLEGED COREMO PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM WELL-WISHERS.
THESE DETAINEES WERE NOT TAKEN TO CHONGWE CENTER AS WERE EXECU-
TIVE MEMBERS FOLLOWING WEEK.

4. CONCERNING GUMANE'S ACTIVITIES, MAHLUZA SAID GUMANE HAD MET
WITH CHIEFS FROM SOUTHERN MOZEMBIQUE, GUMANE'S HOME AREA, IN
SWAZILAND AND WITH MACUA AND MAKONDE CHIEFS IN MALAWI, ALL OF
WHOM ALLEGEDLY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR COREMO. CONFIRMED GUMANE
MET JOANA SIMIAO IN SWAZILAND AND MORE RECENTLY IN MALAWI
(BLANTYRE 866). SAID GUMANE WILL BE HEAD OF NEW POLITICAL FRONT
IN MOZAMBIQUE. GUMANE PLANNING LEAVE MALAWI SOON ON WUICK TRIP
TO EUROPE AND U.S.
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